

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Mitchell Houseand/or common late-19th century farmhouse**2. Location**street & number 11405 Monterrey Dr. not for publicationcity, town Wheaton vicinity of congressional district 13thstate Maryland county Montgomery**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>x</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u>x</u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u>x</u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name John & Myrna Aravanisstreet & number 15216 Wildrose La. telephone no.: city, town Rockville state and zip code Md., 20853**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5414street & number folio 288city, town Rockville state Md.**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976 federal x state x county localdepository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Md.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

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8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mitchell farmhouse is significant as representative of the initial development of the Washington, D.C. suburbs which resulted from the growth of government and business in D.C. and the completion of the Metropolitan branch of the B&O Railroad which provided easy transport to and from the city. The house appears on the 1878 map as the home of Richard Mitchell. The land on which the house was built, 25 acres of "Hermitage" was purchased by Richard's wife, Sarah Columbia Mitchell, for \$1050.00 in September of 1867.¹ The house is located just outside Mitchell's Crossroads (Wheaton) where Richard ran a hotel. Richard and Sarah lived in the house until it was sold in December of 1884 by a court appointed trustee following their default on the mortgage. The notice of the sale of the property advertised it as 25 acres near Knowles station on the Metropolitan Railroad, located on the road from Rockville to the turnpike near Mitchell's station. The land was described as being in a "fair state of cultivation" with 2 acres of woodland and several springs. The property was improved by a "good frame dwelling house of moderate size." The house was purchased in September of 1886 by Francis Griffith, wife of Dr. Micheal Griffith for \$1810.²

In August of 1902, the Griffiths sold the house to Julia Helen Shehan.³ Julia lived in the house for many years, passing it on to her two children, Bernard and Katherine, following her death in 1938. Bernard conveyed his interest to his sister. Katherine sold the house in 1953 and it then passed through a succession of owners until it was purchased in September of 1979 by John and Myrna Aravanis, the present owners.⁵

¹Deed EBP 8/151, Mont. Co. Land Records.

²Equity #557, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

³Deed TD 22/419, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁴Deed 697/104, " "

⁵Deed 5414/288, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9539 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm.

date 1/83

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Late-19th Century Farmhouses

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Monterrey Drive and 11400 Viers Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Wheaton

VICINITY OF

(Silver Spring Post Office)

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John G. Daly & Town & Country School

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

(Daly) 11405 Monterrey Drive; (Town & Country School-Wm. & S. Cohen)

CITY, TOWN

Wheaton

VICINITY OF

11400 Viers Mill

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although both houses appear to have been built in the 1880's or so, 11405 Monterrey may possibly date from an earlier period. The 1878 Atlas shows a dwelling here owned by Richard Mitchell. Mitchell ran a tavern/hotel at the crossroads during the 19th Century and Wheaton was known as Mitchell's Crossroads then. By 1894, the house was owned by a Mrs. F.C. Griffith and by the 1940's, by Mary K. O'Brien (both ladies owned the house with 25 acres.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/21/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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